

## Educational Leadership Redesign Initiative

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### What is the Educational Leadership Redesign Initiative?

The Educational Leadership Redesign Initiative will develop a new generation of school leaders through redesigned programs that more effectively address the evolving and emerging issues of curriculum, delivery, assessment, and administration.

### How will Kentucky be served by the initiative?

Redesigned leadership programs will train leaders to create, sustain, and administer professional learning environments where teachers' knowledge and ability to offer differentiated instruction and intervention is increased and students achieve at higher levels.

### What is the Council's request and how will the funding be used?

The Council seeks \$50,000 of recurring funds in FY 2006-07 and an additional \$100,000 in FY 2007-08. The universities and districts will work collaboratively to identify criteria for candidate selection and success. These funds would be used to: (1) conduct an analysis of current educational leadership programs in Kentucky; (2) guide redesign efforts recommended by the statewide analysis; and (3) support analysis of resulting program revisions and new program proposals by nationally recognized experts, as well as developmental meetings, conferences, and colloquia between stakeholders.

### Why is the funding needed?

In association with findings from the national study *Educating School Leaders* by Arthur Levine and Governor Fletcher's Education Advisory Work Group, the need for primary and secondary education leaders to receive training that is relevant, current, and embedded is crucial and increasing. The Educational Leadership Redesign Initiative will:

- Increase the curricular coherence and balance of education leadership programs at the master's level by integrating theory and practice of administration and balancing classroom study with work under the guidance of successful practitioners.
- Develop doctoral programs with stronger research emphases which build on the newly redesigned master's degree programs.
- Enable the retooling of current principals and superintendents while also preparing new leaders.



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